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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, ST.PETERSBURG, FLA.

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PASS COMMERCE FOR NOAA., MEXICO FOR RFA

EO 11652:NA
TAGS: EFIS, CPRS, BR
SUBJ: CONFISCATION OF EQUIPMENT FROM SEIZED US VESSELS

REF: BELEM 152 AND 155

1. AUTHORITIES HAVE ORDERED CONFISCATION OF ALL NETS, CABLES
AND OTHER FISHING EQUIPMENT FROM FIVE US-OWNED SHRIMPING BOATS
NOW IN CUSTODY HERE (RETELS). EQUIPMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN REMOVED
FROM ONE VESSEL AND REMOVAL FROM ANOTHER WAS UNDERWAY WHEN
PRINCIPAL OFFICER VISITED BOATS A.M. JUNE 16.

2. CONFISCATION IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY JOINT STATE-FEDERAL ENTITY
RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROL OF FISHING IN AREA (CONVENIO DE FISCALI
ZACAO DA PESCA NO ESTADO DO PARA) UNDER AUTHORITY OF DECREE
LAW NO. 221 OF FEBRUARY 28, 1967 AS AMENDED. NO DEFINITIVE
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO WHAT DISPOSITION WILL BE MADE OF
EQUIPMENT THOUGH ONE OFFICIAL SPECULATED THAT IT MAY BE SOLD AT
AUCTION.

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3. SOURCE AT 4TH NAVAL DISTRICT HQ WHEN QUERIED AS TO REASON
FOR CONFISCATION -- UNPRECEDENTED IN CONSULATE'S EXPERIENCE --
REPLIED THAT FAILURE TO DO SO PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN OVERSIGHT
ON PART OF GOB.

4. CAPTAINS OF VESSELS CONCERNED, MEANWHILE, ALREADY ANGRY
OVER CAPTURE AND CONFINEMENT, EXPRESSED PARTICULAR BITTERNESS

TO PRINCIPAL OFFICER OVER UNEXPECTED SEIZURE OF EQUIPMENT.

5. CONSULATE AND LOCAL AGENT FOR SHALMAN SEAFOODS STILL
AWAITING COMPLETION OF PAPERWORK BY NAVY WHICH NECESSARY BEFORE
FINES CAN BE PAID AND SUBSEQUENT STEPS TAKEN TO RELEASE VESSELS.
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